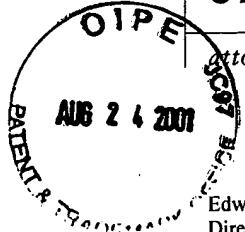


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace paragraph 2 with:

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